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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Cara A. PELLEGRINI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1616
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Application No.: 10/645,840) Examiner: Ali Soroush
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Filed: August 22, 2003)
) Confirmation No.: 8135
For: METHOD OF INCREASING THE)
EXTENT OF ABSORPTION OF)
TIZANIDINE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated October 4, 2006, the period for response having been extended to March 5, 2007, by the Petition for Extension of time and fee filed concurrently herewith.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between

Group I - Claims 1-11, 30, and 31, drawn to a method of treatment of spasticity using tizanidine.

Group II - Claims 12-29, drawn to a method of increasing absorption/oral bioavailability of tizanidine.

Group III - Claims 32 and 34-36, drawn to a method of improving therapy of patients receiving tizanidine.

Group IV - Claims 37-39, drawn to manufacture of a pharmaceutical tablet composition of tizanidine.